

connecting the residential gateway to the telecommunications network and to each of the plurality of devices so that all communications between the devices and the telecommunications network must pass through the residential gateway, wherein a first one of the multiple televisions can be directly coupled to and located in close proximity to the residential gateway;

selecting a television channel to view for at least one of the multiple televisions by programming an associated remote control device to transmit a channel select command, wherein each of the multiple televisions have an associated remote control device, the remote control device associated with the first television transmits the channel select command to a receiver within the residential gateway;

*B/and* transmitting the at least one channel select command to the telecommunications network;

receiving a video signal from the telecommunications network corresponding to the at least one channel select command;

converting the video signal into at least one series of video packets;

decoding the at least one series of video packets into at least one television signal, the decoding performed by at least one of a plurality of video decoders; and

transmitting the at least one television signal to the appropriate television,

wherein said selecting a television channel includes selecting a television channel for at least one of the other televisions by programming at least one associated wireless remote control device, the at least one associated remote control device transmitting the channel select command as a wireless signal; receiving the wireless signal from the at least one associated wireless remote control device at a remote antennae package connected to at least one associated